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1. SUMMARY: SYG WALDHEIM'S REACTION TO PRESENTATION ON VAROSHA PROPOSAL JUNE 27 WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE, ALTHOUGH HE RAISED QUESTION ON POSSIBLE NEED FOR NEW SECURITY COUNCIL MANDATE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN CALL ON SYG JUNE 27, AMB LEONARD BRIEFED WALDHEIM (WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY EXEC ASST RAFEE AHMED) ON OUR VAROSHA INITIATIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL. REFERRING TO IDEA FOR INTERIM UN ADMINISTRATION OF WHICH WE HAD ADVISED HIM IN MAY, LEONARD EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE NOW SEEKING SPECIFIC TURKISH-CYPRIOT AGREEMENT TO A REFINEMENT OF THAT IDEA. HE MADE POINTS SET FORTH PARA 2 REFTEL
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AND DESCRIBED THE INFORMAL PAPER, READING EXCERPTS FROM IT, INCLUDING POINTS (A) THROUGH (E). HE EXPLAINED THAT WE WERE NOT APPROACHING GREEK CYPRIOTS AT THIS TIME AND THAT MATTER SHOULD THEREFORE BE HELD CLOSELY. HE SAID WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY IDEAS WALDHEIM MIGHT HAVE FOR OBTAINING AGREEMENT ON PROPOSAL.

3. WALDHEIM REACTED POSITIVELY TO THE PROPOSAL, NOTING THAT ACTION ON VAROSHA WAS ONE OF PRACTICAL MEASURES, ALONG WITH REOPENING OF NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THAT HE THOUGHT MIGHT BE PROFITABLY PURSUED. IT WOULD, OF COURSE, BE NECESSARY TO CLARIFY POSITION OF BOTH SIDES, BUT HE UNDERSTOOD DESIRE TO ASCERTAIN POSITION OF TURKISH SIDE FIRST. AS TO PROPOSAL ITSELF, HE BELIEVED UN COULD TAKE ON THE ROLE ENVISAGED. THE ONLY QUESTION HE HAD WAS WHETHER HE COULD ESTABLISH AN INTERIM ADMINISTRATION WITHOUT A SPECIFIC MANDATE FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL.

4. LEONARD POINTED OUT THAT SECRETARIAT STAFF CONCERNED WITH CYPRUS QUESTION HAD INDICATED DURING EARLIER DISCUSSION IN MAY THAT A NEW MANDATE WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE REQUIRED. THIS WAS ONLY A PRELIMINARY REACTION, AND THE QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED BUT THEY HAD FELT THAT IT MIGHT BE HANDLED THROUGH EXTENSION OF UN ADMINISTRATION OF BUFFER ZONE. WALDHEIM NOTED THAT THE SORT OF UN ADMINISTRATION EXISTING IN THE BUFFER ZONE WAS NOT REALLY COMPARABLE TO THAT WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED IN VAROSHA, BUT HE AGREED THAT IF NO SC MEMBER OBJECTED IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HANDLE IN THE WAY SUGGESTED.

5. WALDHEIM MENTIONED THAT CYPRIOT AMB ROSSIDES HAD CALLED ON HIM EARLIER IN DAY AND SYG HAD EMPHASIZED THE DESIRABILITY OF DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. IN THIS
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CONNECTION SYG SAID DURING HIS FINAL MEETING WITH FM ROLANDIS LATTER HAD INDICATED THAT GOC MIGHT ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE TURKISH SIDE. ROLANDIS HAD EVEN INDICATED THAT MEETING WITH ECEVIT AND DENKTASH MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE AND SYG HAD EXPRESSED REGRET THAT GOC HAD NOT AGREED TO SUCH MEETING EARLIER WHEN ALL PARTIES WERE IN NY. WALDHEIM THOUGHT THERE MIGHT NOW BE SOME HOPE FOR DIRECT CONTACTS, HOWEVER, AND SAID HE HAD ENCOURAGED ROLANDIS IN THIS DIRECTION. LEONARD

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